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HERMETIC SEAL PORTION AND FABRICATING METHOD

THEREOF

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REQUEST FOR RETURN OF PTO-1449

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 June 21, 2006

Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on August 14, 2002. A copy of the IDS is attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 accompanies the IDS, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of the document is attached.

The Japanese Patent Laid-open Application No. 7-202152 is discussed in the specification of the present application on page 2.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage of the above-captioned application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated in connection with the above-identified case.

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